



**Job Title: High School Student Volunteers**

**Organisation: AstroSankofa**

**Location: Toronto, Ontario - Project Site (Outdoors)**

**Project: Digital Impressions, Urban Griot**

**Position Type: Part-time, Temporary, as many positions as possible**

**Start Date: May 20**

**Duration: 6 weeks**

**Hours: Up to 15 hours a week (3 hours a day)**

**Compensation: Community Service Hours (in lieu)**

### **Call for Young Artists/Volunteers**

AstroSankofa is launching an augmented reality (AR) digital art project to engage Black youth aged 14-18 in the Jane and Finch community. Does this speak to you? Are you looking for a chance to learn from and work with peers, leading artists, mentors and the rest of the AstroSankofa Arts Collective to create digital art to augment existing murals in the Jane and Finch community? If so and you identify as a Black youth between the ages of 14-18, we are looking to incorporate your voice and perspectives on this historical project.

### **Applicants must be from Jane and Finch Community**

#### **About AstroSankofa:**

AstroSankofa is an artist collective and arts support non-profit dedicated to promoting Black artists in Toronto. Our mission is to engage the Jane and Finch community through art, celebrating local stories and Black luminaries in Canada.

#### **Project Overview:**

The Digital Impressions, Urban Griot project is to engage the community in existing artwork that speaks to the stories of the local community, and celebrates Black luminaries in Canada, while digitally upgrading them to include the different voices and perspectives of today's generation. Through arts-focused engagement, we aim to build trusting relationships with youth in the local area, providing them with transferable skills for the screen industry technology field while fostering a sense of ownership and belonging among residents.

AstroSankofa will take on as many volunteers as possible to assist AstroSankofa with project implementation. We will also include four community mentees who will shadow our facilitators and learn skills in community projects and workshop facilitation to expand the professional outcomes of this project.

**Job Description:**

As a High School Student Volunteer with AstroSankofa, you will have the opportunity to contribute your time and energy to a meaningful community project. You will work alongside our team and fellow volunteers to support various aspects of our augmented reality (AR) digital art project, including workshops, events, and administrative tasks. This is an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on experience, develop new skills, and make a positive impact in your community.

**Responsibilities:**

- Assist with setting up and organizing workshop spaces, including arranging chairs, tables, and art supplies.
- Welcome and register participants as they arrive for workshops and events.
- Support workshop facilitators and program assistants in delivering activities and engaging with participants.
- Help distribute materials and equipment during workshops, ensuring that participants have everything they need to participate.
- Assist with administrative tasks, such as taking attendance, photocopying materials, and organizing paperwork.
- Participate in project debriefs and meetings to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement.

**Our Commitment to Safety:**

Ensuring the safety of all involved, our protocol entails meticulous safety assessments of workshop locations and the provision of essential safety equipment. Staff will guide participants through safety procedures and emergency protocols while maintaining communication channels for feedback. With these measures, we prioritise the well-being of our team, participants, and community, fostering an environment conducive to creativity and collaboration in the Jane and Finch area.

**How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should submit a CV, cover letter and examples of work you have outlining their qualifications and interest in the position to [info@astrosankofa.org](mailto:info@astrosankofa.org) by **May 10, 2024**.

AstroSankofa is committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for local Black Youth. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.